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Response to Applicants' Amendment


The amendment filed on 05/13/04 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): the Applicants' reply does not comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.111(b) because it does not include in the arguments pointing out that claims 1-52 have been canceled and claims 53-88 have been added and specific distinctions believed to render that the added new claims 53-88 are patentable over the applied references. See 37 C.F.R. 1.111(b). Applicants' simply state that Applicants' cancel hereby claims 6-22, 24-32, 34-42, and 44-41 without admission and without prejudice. The canceled claims statement appears to be in error. However, the statement is confusing to the Examiner since originally there were claims 6-51 and claims 23, 33, and 43 were deemed to be allowable if rewritten in independent format to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Since the above mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, Applicants' are given a time period of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Extensions of this time maybe granted under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vincent Millin can be reached on 703-308-1038. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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